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## VIA FACSIMILE ONLY (202) 502-2888

Michael Beck Judicial Panel on Multidistrict Litigation One Columbus Circle, NE Thurgood Marshall Federal Judiciary Building Room G-255, North Lobby Washington, DC 20002

Re: Margaret McCue, Joann Valladon, and Margaret Lindsey, et al. v. General Electric Company, et. al.

U.S. District Court, Northern District Of California, Case No. CV 08-3181 EMC

Our File No.: 0045-079666

## Dear Mr. Beck:

On behalf of our client, General Electric Company ("GE"), we write to inform the Judicial Panel on Multidistrict Litigation ("the Panel") of the existence of a "tag-along" asbestos case currently pending in the United States District Court for the Northern District of California.

Plaintiffs in the above-referenced matter have initiated a personal injury, asbestos-related action. Plaintiffs claim that plaintiffs' decedents were exposed to asbestos-containing products at their job sites. Thus, this action involves common questions of fact with numerous other asbestos actions previously transferred by the Panel pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1407. Accordingly, GE requests that the Panel transfer this case to the Eastern District of Pennsylvania for consolidated pretrial proceedings.

This "tag-along" case was originally filed in the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California on March 29, 2008. Pursuant to Rules 7.4(a) and 7.5(b) of the Panel's Rules of Procedure, the panel is authorized to enter a conditional transfer order or file an order to show cause why this action should not be transferred.

I enclose GE's Notice of Tag-Along Action, which was filed with the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California and served on plaintiff.

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Plaintiffs in this action are represented by Brayton & Purcell, LLP, 222 Rush Landing Road, P.O. Box 6169, Novato, California 94948-6169.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Please call me if you have any questions or require any additional information.

Regards,

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Enclosure

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